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FISHING INDUSTRY CRITICIZED; RECEIVES SHIPS, PERSONNEL

LATVIAN FISHING DEFECTS NOTED -- Sovetskaya Latviya, No 207, 2 Sep 49

In a letter to the editor, Ya. Edgardt, chief of the Ventspils sea fishing port, states that the fishing industry in Latvia is in a state of neglect. In past years the government gave the Ministry of Fish Industry Latvian SSR a large number of high-tonnage fishing ships equipped with the latest fishing equipment. In most cases these ships have been treated carelessly; machinery has been poorly maintained and operation has been inefficient. At the Ventspils Fish Catching Artel, "Sarkana baka," 80 percent of the ships during the past 5 months have been operating without permission of the USSR Register and many of their masters do not possess diplomas.

The Latvian Fishermen's Union, which is supposed to supply fish catching artels with all necessary fish catching equipment, has not done so, nor is it informed of the fleet's technical situation. Furthermore, unrigged ships having serious defects are allowed to go to sea.

Such defective conditions should be changed and order restored in the fishing fleet. The fish catch would then increase greatly.

LEASE SIX FISHING SHIPS -- Sovetskaya Latviya, No 210, 8 Sep 49

Not long ago, the Ministry of Fish Industry, Latvian SSR, received six fishing ships which are to be used for trawling. Each ship has an 80-horsepower motor. The ships are being leased to fishing kolkhozes.

BAYKAL FISHERMEN EXCEEDING NORMS -- Izvestiya, No 214, 10 Sep 49

Ulan-Ude -- In spite of the stormy weather around Lake Baykal, fishermen have fulfilled and exceeded their norms. Whitefish have been followed along the

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shores and caught in the sounds. The Kabanskiy Fish Plant brigades using fixed seines have already caught 1,635 centners of whitefish. The Dubininskiy Fish Plant has fulfilled the August plan by 320 percent. The fishing kolkhozes of Northern Baykal Aymak (an administrative territorial division) have also been successful. In Buryat-Mongol ASSR, fishing industry workers have pledged fulfillment of the 1949 plan by 7 November and expect to exceed it by 60,000 additional pud of fish.

FISHING INDUSTRY GETS TRAINED CADRES -- Pravda, No 255, 12 Sep 49

Murmansk -- Fish industry enterprises are busy training fishing foremen, sailors, canners, trawler captains, ship repairmen, and workers of other specialties. Lately, over 700 sailors and fishermen have been trained in Stakhanovite schools and in courses providing the minimum technical training. The training combine of the "Murmanryba" Association graduated 56 mechanics.

Not long ago a large group of young fish industry specialists who graduated this year from higher institutions in Moscow and Leningrad arrived to work in the polar regions.

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